

DRAFT LAW TO KILL CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE

DEFENDANT'S MOTHER ACCUSED OF THEFT BY CHICAGO DETECTIVES

CLAIM MRS. SMALLWOOD UNDER INDICTMENT FOR LARCENY
TELL STORY TODAY

SLEUTHS BROUGHT TO OTTAWA TO TESTIFY IN CIRCUIT COURT CASE EXPOSE REASON OF THEIR VISIT AND LOSE ATTENDANCE UPON TRIAL.

Mrs. Lillian Smallwood, mother of Walter Smallwood, defendant in the circuit court, who has been at his side almost constantly since his trial opened, will be defendant in a larceny trial in the circuit court in Cook county next month. It was stated by Chicago detectives today. At the same time the fifteen year old son, Walter, was indicted by the local grand jury for robbing the Johnson garage in Streator, the mother was alleged to have been indicted by the Cook county grand jury for stealing \$2,500 worth of clothing, jewelry and linens from Mrs. Jessie Varney, 535 Cherry street, Winnetka.

This morning, Sergents. Upton and DeMar of the Chicago police department, who worked on the case, and secured the evidence against Mrs. Smallwood, which ended in her arrest, arrived in the city, bringing the details of the theft in case they were needed by the state in the prosecution of the son. The stolen goods were recovered by the two sergeants at the Harner warehouse on Broadway in Chicago.

Included in the list were said to be many things which were priceless for their sentimental value. Mrs. Varney's white satin wedding gown was stolen and slashed up before the detectives could recover it. Many articles of baby clothing were also among the missing things.

Mrs. Smallwood is said to have been employed in the Varney home as a housemaid. When first arrested she entered a plea of guilt before Judge Richardson and was bound over to the grand jury. She was released on bond after the indictment.

The evidence in the case was concluded this afternoon and turned over to the jury about 4 o'clock. Yesterday afternoon the fifteen year old defendant took the stand in his own behalf. He disclaimed any knowledge of the burglary and stated that he left Burns before the robbery going from Streator to Joliet on a Santa Fe freight train and getting a ride in a Ford from there into Chicago.

Dave Connelly, a friend of Burns and Smallwood, occupied the witness stand just before Smallwood. He testified that he and Burns went to the island together to work in the ship yards. Burns had denied ever working in the ship yards.

Another friend of the defendant, a youth named Briggs, was charged, testified before Connelly. He claimed that Burns stole some clothing from him before he went to Streator. This morning Smallwood was recalled to the stand for lengthy cross examination.

DR. EDGCOMB FALLS AND FRACTURES LEG

Thursday night about 8:30 o'clock while calling on a patient in East Ottawa, Dr. J. H. Edgcomb, 905 Congress street, had the misfortune to fracture his left leg just above the ankle. Dr. Edgcomb was on his way to attend a sick patient and had just stepped from his automobile, when in the darkness, he stepped into a small excavation, turning his leg. The fracture was inflicted just above the ankle at the tip of the tibia. At the present time Dr. Edgcomb is confined to his home and will be unable to carry on his practice for a week or ten days.

MISS HILDA CARLSON BECOMES BRIDE OF LLOYD HIGHLAND

CEREMONY PERFORMED THIS AFTERNOON AT CARLSON HOME ON PRAIRIE STREET IN PRESENCE OF FIFTY GUESTS—TO RESIDE ON FARM.

At a very pretty wedding which was solemnized this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Carlson, 136 Prairie street, Miss Hilda Elida Carlson and Lloyd Harold Highland were united in marriage. Fifty guests, the relatives and most intimate friends of the well known young couple were present. Rev. G. W. Chessman, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated.

The house was prettily decorated in pink and white, ferns, palms and two shades of roses being used to carry out the color scheme.

The vows were taken in the living room under an arch of pink and white roses, from which a white wedding bell was suspended. Banks of palms and ferns were grouped back of the archway, making a very beautiful setting.

Miss Grace Hanson of Morris, a cousin of the groom, played the Mendelssohn wedding march as the bridal couple passed through the house and took their places. Little Betty Blossing of Chicago, who acted as flower girl, led the procession, scattering pink and white rose petals. Miss Alma Carlson of Chicago, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Roy E. Morris, a cousin of the groom, best man.

Proceeding the ceremony Miss Alma Carlson, the youngest sister of the bride, sang "To You."

The bride wore a white georgette gown made over white satin and heavily beaded. A long tulle veil and a shower bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley completed her attire. Miss Alma Carlson wore a green silk net frock, made over cloth of silver, and carried all arm bouquet of pink roses.

Following the ceremony an informal reception was held, after which a three-course wedding dinner was served in the dining room. The table decorations and the color scheme for the dinner were pink and white. Six- and eight-plate dinners were served.

Mr. Highland and his bride will leave tonight for Chicago on the first train of a honeymoon trip. The destination of which they are keeping a secret from their friends. Upon their return they will make their home with the groom's mother in Ottawa township.

Mrs. Highland's traveling suit is of navy blue cloth, with a brown hat and shoes.

The bride has resided in Ottawa all her life and has a large circle of friends here. She attended the Ottawa high school, graduating in the class of 1915. After finishing school she worked for one year as office assistant at the O. H. S. She then took a position in the recorder's office in the court house, which she held for almost three years, resigning last spring.

The groom was born and raised on a farm west of Ottawa in Ottawa township. He is the only son of Mrs. P. S. Highland. He attended the Ottawa schools, graduating from the township high school in the class of 1914. Since finishing school he has followed to occupation of a farmer.

MISMATED PAIRS IN WEEKLY PARADE TO CIRCUIT COURT

USUAL ARRAY OF DIVORCE APPLICANTS FORM PROCESSION TO PASS THEIR MARITAL INFELICITIES IN REVIEW.

Saturday morning brought the usual marital troubles before the Circuit Court. For the past year seldom passes a Saturday without one, two or three couples appearing before the circuit judge, bringing some sort of a story of domestic difficulties. Edward Ikon of this city today started suit for divorce against his wife, May Ikon, in the Circuit Court. The complainant claims that he and the defendant were married in Princeton Feb. 23, 1917. Their wedded bliss was short, judging by the bill, for he claims on the first day of September of the same year as their marriage, the complainant willfully deserted him and has since refused to recognize him as her husband. He claims that when he last heard from her she was living in Sparks, Nev.

By an agreement reached between the defendant and complainant, the hearing to explain why James Sullivan of Ramsey shall not be punished for contempt of court has been set for Dec. 20 at 1:30 o'clock. The complainant, Mrs. Gail Sullivan of Streator, claims that for two months her ex-husband has refused to pay her the \$20 a month alimony allowed her by the court.

Seek Divorce After 53 Years. Fifty-three years ago James and Mary Flood of Streator were wedded. This morning Mrs. Flood started suit for divorce in the local courts. She claimed that in 1867, twenty-three years ago, Mr. Flood deserted her and has since refused to live with her. The couple are the parents of eight children.

Appeal Streator Case. An appeal was taken in the case of John Connors against Ed Graham, both of Streator. Connors sued Graham for an alleged indebitment on Nov. 3 in Justice Meyers' court in Streator and was granted a judgment of \$151.49. He claims that he does not owe Connors any money, and will ask the Circuit Court to decide the case.

BIRDMAN WHO FLEW FROM NEW YORK TO NOME ARRIVES HOME

LIEUT. CLARENCE CRUMRINE, EXPERT PILOT, RETURNS TO GRAND RIDGE AFTER HISTORY-MAKING FLIGHT ACROSS CONTINENT.

Lieut. Clarence Crumrine of the United States army, the man to gain more distinction than any other who has left La Salle county for several years, arrived in Grand Ridge last night for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Crumrine. Lieut. Crumrine was chosen in October to pilot one of the first planes to jump from New York to Alaska. He was also selected as official photographer for the trip.

Lieut. Crumrine will be the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Community Council next Wednesday at the Grand Ridge Presbyterian church. It is expected that 150 guests will attend this affair. The banquet was planned for November, but was postponed as the guest of honor could not come. Mr. Crumrine will remain in Grand Ridge for one week.

He is a graduate of the O. H. S. in the class of 1915, and enlisted in the aviation corps in 1917. He now holds the commission of a second lieutenant. Recently in Washington, D. C., he gave an exhibition before General Pershing and all the dignitaries of the army and navy.

In the official Alaska flight in which Lieut. Crumrine participated, four army planes and eight men made the trip.

Valuable Gift. Probably the most valuable gift of all is ability to discuss things from one's mind.—Opinion State Journal.

Look Into This. If things don't come your way, perhaps it's because you are not in the right place.—Boston Transcript.

Do Your Christmas Mailing Early



LAWYERS OF FIFTH JUDICIARY DISTRICT GATHERED IN OTTAWA

MEETING OPENS AT CLIFTON HOTEL FOLLOWED BY BANQUET AT PARISH HOUSE—SILAS STRAWN, PROMINENT CHICAGOAN, AND NATIVE OF OTTAWA, DELIVERS ADDRESS.

Fifty lawyers members of the Bar Association of the fifth judicial district met this morning at the Clifton hotel to attend the opening meeting of the second convention. Members of ten counties, which comprise the association were at the meeting which was a brief one. Logan Hay of Springfield, president of the Illinois State Bar association, presided at the meeting. His talk was a discussion on "The Value of Local Bar Associations" in which he practically said that every member participated and gave his opinions of how the bar associations could be more efficient in their work. Senator Hay's talk was in part:

The purpose of the district bar meetings is to get the cooperation of the lawyers. This we have not had. Lawyers of the associations are not organized the way they should be, which has been demonstrated many times. How can we make the bar associations more efficient in their work and so that the meetings will show the opinions of the lawyers. Members have got to make a common opinion of the bar. This involves a more thorough organization. The greatest difficulty is to get a standard, which we are lacking. I know we have local bar associations, but I do not know what they are doing. There ought to be some means by which we could get together and discuss matters far better than in the past. Cairo Trimble of Princeton, Judge Eldredge and many others were called on to enter their opinions of how matters of the bar association could be bettered. A general discussion followed and various opinions were given by lawyers, members of the bar association.

Following the discussion a motion was made that a committee of five be appointed to name officers for the coming year and that also a committee of three be appointed to adopt resolutions which might arise, after which the meeting adjourned to the Parish house where an elaborate dinner was served.

Silas H. Strawn, a leader of the Chicago Bar association, a former well known resident of this city, who has the distinction of being one of the ablest attorneys in Chicago, gave a talk following the dinner. He kept his audience in an uproar. His talk covered several happenings in his life when he first started to practice law.

Has Great Record. That the county has a legal fraternity worth being proud of was pointed out by Attorney Clarence Griggs, who, in recounting the history of the La Salle County Bar Association, cited the number of great men who at one time or another associated with the profession here. He said:

"The bar of La Salle county has played an important part in the affairs of the nation, state, county and city."

"Abraham Hoes was a member of

the constitutional convention of 1847, George S. Eldredge of the constitutional convention of 1870, William Scanlan of the convention of 1920, and Charles E. Woodward is president of that convention.

"We have furnished four attorney generals—Washington Bushnell, 1869; Maurice T. Motony, 1897; William H. Stead, 1905-1909; P. J. Lacey, 1913."

"We have furnished two judges of the Supreme Court of the state of Illinois—John D. Caton, who was first elected to the office Aug. 9, 1842, and remained on the bench until his resignation Jan. 4, 1861, and T. J. Le Dick, elected to the supreme bench Dec. 21, 1875, and held that office until his death in July, 1885."

"Edward Eldredge, a member of the bar, one of the judges of our Circuit Court, is now a judge of the Appellate Court for the third district. B. C. Cook at the time he was a member of this bar became a member of congress, and Walter Reeves was four times elected to congress—namely, in 1856, 1857, 1859, and 1860. W. H. Hinnoch represented this district in congress for one term."

"The bar has been represented in the state senate by Washington Bushnell, A. J. O'Connor, St. James W. Duncan, H. W. Johnson, C. P. Gardner, P. E. Coleman and our present senator is Tharlow G. Essington."

"Lee O'Neill Plourde has been a member of the state legislature since 1902. William M. Scanlan of Peru has been a member of the legislature since 1905."

"James H. Eckles became comptroller of the currency at the age of 22, under the Cleveland administration."

"La Salle county bar furnished to the Mexican war T. Le Dickey, W. H. Wallace and O. C. Gray, and to the civil war Dickey, Wallace, Cyrus E. Dickey, J. T. Murdock, Henry Mayo, John Stoll, Orville H. Powers, Thomas Bowen, John Shepherd, Frank J. Crawford, Sherman Leland, George Leland, Cyrus Leland, Milton Strawn, W. W. Calkins, James Gammon, Elmore Lewis, R. P. MacFarland, E. H. Crook, John D. Miller, L. W. Brewer, T. C. Folger, Charles H. Brush, D. B. Snow, John H. Shay and D. A. Cook, twenty-eight in number, all of whom served with distinction."

"To the Spanish war went Captain S. R. Blanchard, who had been captain of our Company C for twenty-six years, Fred Wilmer and also B. O. Berge."

"To the world war went Harry F. Kelly, just elected state attorney for his county; Glenn W. Woese, William J. Appleton, Ernest H. Pool, Emmett J. Kelly, Taylor Strawn, Melville Clark, Thomas O'Meara, Roy Wilhelm, Elmer Mohan, Rodney Groves, Frank Harrison, Arley Munz, Clarence Glover and Max Murdoch."

"H. T. Gilbert, long a member of the La Salle County bar, became distinguished as a law writer and the author of the civil code."

"Oliver Cromwell Gray, one of the ablest lawyers ever practicing at this bar, was an author of much merit. His 'Sosa Cord's Breach' ranks for literary merit with J. Rodman Drake's 'Calvary Fay'."

"The bar has furnished four lady lawyers—Jeanette and Ella Jaques, Mae Red and Zetta Strawn, although none of the ladies ever practiced extensively."

"Three members of the bar are presidents of local banks today—J. Lorenzo Howell of the First National Bank, H. W. Johnson of the Ottawa

GRAIN SPECULATION BLAMED FOR LOSSES FORCED ON FARMERS

Washington, Dec. 4.—Senator Capper of Kansas today made public his proposed bill to stop gambling in foodstuffs and cotton.

EARLVILLE MAN'S ESTATE OF \$39,000 PLACED IN PROBATE

JOHN BINDER DIED WITHOUT LEAVING WILL—PROPERTY TO BE DIVIDED AMONG HEIRS AT LAW, INCLUDING WIFE, BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

John Binder, who died at his home in Earlville on Nov. 8, left an estate valued at \$39,000. Mr. Binder died without making a will. A petition asking that letters of administration be granted was filed in the Probate Court late yesterday by the widow, Mrs. Margaret Binder.

Mrs. Binder and the five brothers and sisters of the deceased man, George, Lena, Henry, Louisa and Caroline Binder, will inherit the estate. The property consists of a 130-acre farm near Earlville, valued at \$27,000, and \$12,000 worth of personal property.

Gives All to Wife. The will of the late Adolf Nissen, who died at his home in La Salle on Nov. 20, was filed for probate today. Mr. Nissen left an estate valued at \$2,000. His widow, Marie, is made the sole legatee.

Left \$21,750 to Widow. By the will of the late Edward H. Smith of La Salle, who died at his home on Nov. 17, his entire estate, valued at \$21,750, will go to his widow, Emily Smith. Mr. Smith owned real estate valued at \$20,000 and personal property worth \$1,750 at the time of his death.

Deserted. Mrs. Margaret Merlock of La Salle has started suit for divorce against her husband, Lawrence Merlock. The complainant in her bill alleges that she and the defendant were married in Ottawa Jan. 4, 1913, and lived together until March 25, 1916. She alleges that at the time of their separation he deserted her and her two children and has since lived apart from them.

Banking and Trust Company, and John Garland of the Peoples Trust and Savings Bank. John F. Nash, for thirty-five years cashier of the First National Bank of Ottawa, was at the time he assumed that position a member of the local bar.

"Judge E. S. Leland was one of the founders of the Republican party."

"At the present time the bar is furnishing mayors for three cities—George V. R. Weeks, Ottawa; P. E. Cleiman, La Salle; John J. Masterson, Peru."

Judge Johnson is president of the Central Life Insurance Company of Illinois; W. H. Boys is director of the department of trade and commerce under our new administrative code.

"Among the real heroes of the war who were no slender straps were the members of the exemption boards. The La Salle County bar furnished on the Ottawa district Lester H. Strawn and C. P. Gardner, J. E. Malone Jr., acted for a time on the board in the La Salle district."

"Every member of the bar did his full share of work in all war activities."

SHOP EARLY in the DAY

A tax of ten per cent, designed to be prohibitive on "future" trading in grain and cotton, except by actual owners or a limited class of traders under federal license, is the basic feature of the Capper bill which is to be introduced in the senate next week by the author and in the house by Rep. Tinscher, republican, of Kansas. The ten per cent tax would apply to options and the measure would affect grain products as well as raw grain.

"The bill will stop gambling in wheat, corn, cotton and other farm products," said Sen. Capper. "It will eliminate the wheat pit and the black board. It will put out of business the thousands of wire houses and bucket shops by making it impossible for gamblers and speculators to deal on boards of trade."

"The bill undertakes to preserve the legitimate 'hedge,' but cuts out all gambling and manipulations."

Farmers, dealers and manufacturers buying or selling grain or cotton for actual delivery would not be restricted by the proposed law, Sen. Capper said.

Provides Prison Sentence. Penalties of fifty per cent of the proposed federal tax, a fine of \$10,000 and one year's imprisonment for violation of the bill's provisions are incorporated in the bill.

Sellers of grain, grain products and cotton who at the time of sale would be owners of the "actual physical property" and traders regularly engaged in growing, dealing in or manufacturing and registered with the internal revenue bureau would be exempt from the ten per cent tax. Such traders, however, would be limited in their dealings to three times their actual transactions during the preceding year and would be required to report all dealings to the internal bureau.

Deal With Paper Only. In a statement outlining his bill, Sen. Capper declared that only one per cent of "future" trading in grain and cotton was bonafide. Millions of dollars are lost by farmers, as well as speculators, in the recent bear raid of the grain markets. Sen. Capper declared, asserting that consumers as well as producers were the victims.

"The Chicago board of trade as now conducted," said Sen. Capper, "is the world's greatest gambling institution. More wheat was sold in Chicago in the month of October than was raised in the entire United States this year. This year's corn crop sold fourteen times in Chicago before a bushel of corn had reached the markets. Only about one per cent of the trading done in futures is bonafide."

"There is not the slightest doubt that the gigantic raid made by the bears on the board of trade was the chief cause of the recent disastrous slump in the price of farm products. Because a lot of market gamblers and speculators bet on the daily quotations the farmer who has been forced to sell his hogs and cattle at a loss while meat still sells at war prices, is again made the goat. The farmer already has lost more than a million dollars by the bear raid. Brokers and commission houses have cleaned up over forty millions in margins and commissions alone. The limits who play the market have lost more than \$100,000,000 in the last sixty days in speculating in cotton and wheat."

"I find all grain and cotton dealers as well as millers and spinners recognize the evils of the present system and are anxious to stop gambling in food products. They will heartily support this measure to place the business on a legitimate basis. I am also assured of the support of the farm organizations. The commission houses, brokers, bucket shop and market speculators general will fight it."

Manganese. Manganese is found in Japan in three forms: Metallic, which is over 50 per cent pure manganese, being used principally in the making of certain kinds of iron and steel and as an amalgam; dioxide, or "black manganese," having as high as 80 per cent manganese and largely used in the making of chemicals, drugs, paints and electric batteries; and carbonate ore, which until recently has been a waste product in Japan.